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NIGHT PATROLS IN THE VALE

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Cops to work with councils

By **Jack Johnson**
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THAMES Valley Police has described policing the night time economy in the Vale as a "very resource intensive piece of work".

This comes as crime figures for the Vale outline a 17 per cent increase in violence against the person this year-to-date, in comparison to 2012, although the area still remains one of the safest places to live.

Between six and eight police officers were in both Abingdon and Wantage last Saturday evening to work with and support door staff at the local establishments.

In Abingdon, four section 27s were handed out between 11pm and 1am while one man was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Ten miles down the road in Wantage, a man was arrested at 3.30am for assault after a scuffle between two groups.

Police also broke up two other minor clashes. Over 150 people filled the market place in Wantage during the early hours of the morning, after leaving The Swan public house and Shush nightclub.

Supt Boyd stressed that, due to the weekend's wet weather, this was a relatively quiet night, with 400-plus a more regular occurrence.

"It is not ideal and there is also the impact on the people we have living in and around the town centre," said Supt Andy Boyd, local area commander for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

"We have people wandering around at three or four o'clock in the morning. The challenge is controlling this while ensuring we are fulfilling our other policing duties across the district. It just becomes a very resource intensive piece of work."

Supt Boyd added that the relationship between the police and door staff is "essential" while a member of security at The Narrows, Abingdon's newest pub, praised officers for their work in the town.

Hilary Collis, landlady of the Blue Boar public house on Bath Street, Abingdon, added: "I work very well with the police, they are amazing.

"My door staff look after me and my bar staff and all I want is for everyone to have a good time but to just behave."

In Wantage, Steve Head, the owner of Shush, shared Ms Collis' sentiments. "It is a team effort between the police officers and the door staff," he said.

"There is an understanding that there is a night time economy which is not going to go away and we all strive for it to be a safe environment."

Supt Boyd confirmed that meetings would be taking place between the police, Wantage Town Council, the Vale of White Horse District Council and the license holders of premises in order to minimise bad behaviour.

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Dambusters run for charity

AN RAF squadron have run through Oxfordshire as they completed an endurance challenge to run 700 miles in seven days for charity Leonard Cheshire Disability.

The challenge was the last UK call of action for the RAF 617 'Dambusters' squadron, before deployment to Afghanistan for their final tour of duty in the country.

Hundreds lined the streets outside The Dragon School, Oxford, on October 5, where legendary Dambusters captain Leonard Cheshire was a student.

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Ugg boot fraud to pay back over £3k

A 22-YEAR-OLD woman who has been selling fake Ugg boots via Facebook has had to pay £1,200 in fines and £2,000 in costs after being caught by Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards team.

Elizabeth Mildenhall, of Andersey Way, Abingdon, pleaded guilty to six charges relating to the selling and possession of counterfeit clothing at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Monday.

A Trading Standards officer used a false name to contact Mildenhall on Facebook regarding the clothing, before an agreement was reached for him to go to her then property in Lavender Way, Witney, to pick up the goods.

This was followed up with a search of the Witney address in December 2012, where Mildenhall was found to have nine pairs of fake Ugg boots and two counterfeit Ralph Lauren swimsuits.

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She was also given a £400 penalty for a separate charge relating to the transferral of criminal property of £5,465.84 from one bank account to another.

Richard Webb, the council's Trading Standards manager, said: "The sale of counterfeit clothing damages local economies, supports organised crime and it is not tolerated in Oxfordshire.

"The prosecution of Elizabeth Mildenhall sends a clear message to counterfeit goods sellers in Oxfordshire: the Trading Standards team will do all it can to track you down and bring you to court.

"I hope this conviction acts as a strong warning and deterrent to anybody else who is considering selling fake goods locally."

Anu Prashar, a Trading Standards team leader who prosecuted Mildenhall, said: "This was not a sophisticated counterfeit clothing selling operation and one that was infiltrated via Facebook.

• *Anu Prashar from Trading Standards with some of the fake Ugg boots*

"Mildenhall responded to our messages even though she had no idea who was making the contact and then blatantly sold the fake Ugg boots to our officer.

"The fines given to Mildenhall reflect how seriously the courts takes the matter of counterfeit goods."

Cllr Louise Chapman, cabinet member for policy coordination, said: "I'd like to pay tribute to the Trading Standards staff involved in bringing this case to court and securing this conviction.

"There are trade mark rules for a reason and those who break them by selling counterfeit goods are committing a criminal offence, which can lead to prosecution and a conviction."

Fancy dress offender

A 23-YEAR-OLD who assaulted a man at a fancy dress party in Oxford on Friday night has pleaded guilty to a number of offences.

Christopher Eadie, from Ferry Hinksey Road, appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Monday, gave a guilty plea to one count of affray, one of assault, and one of threatening a person with a blade or sharp article.

Police were called at 11.40pm on Friday night, following reports of a fight in the Jolly Postboys pub in Florence Road, Cowley.

Eadie assaulted a 34-year-old man inside the pub, who sustained facial injuries as a result. It is believed the victim was an acquaintance of Eadie.

People at the pub removed Eadie from the premises, where he later returned a short time later with a kitchen knife and threatened the people at the venue.

He was then tackled to the ground, and subsequently arrested.

Eadie was charged over the weekend and taken to court on Monday, where he has been remanded in custody for sentencing on October 28.

MP Tony opens shared service centre

SANCTUARY Housing has celebrated the official launch of their Shared Service Centre near Banbury, which was opened by Sir Tony Baldry MP on Friday.

The centre offers a one-stop shop for community services to around 65,000 residents, with customer advisors helping with 40,000 calls and 8,000 emails a month.

It aims to help with queries regarding tenancy support, welfare advice, anti-social behaviour and residential claims.

Sir Tony said: "The rapid growth and expansion of the Shared Service Centre provides a large number of employment opportunities for the area of Banbury, as well as an excellent service nationally to Sanctuary residents. It was very enjoyable to meet staff at the event and to see the busy contact centre in action."

Sanctuary Housing Services managing director Simon Clark added: "We are dedicated to providing an excellent service to customers and were very pleased the launch could take place during National Customer Service Week." The centre, on Trinity Way, Adderbury, is open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Health day 'went really well'

WANTAGE Civic Hall was host to the town's Wellbeing and Active Day on Sunday, with hundreds of visitors taking part in dance classes and meeting with over 40 businesses on the day.

The event was organised by local charity champion Ray Collins, with the aim of encouraging fitness and providing health advice at the event.

Ray said: "It went really well. The weather hit the number attending but all who came thoroughly enjoyed the event, and they all left with huge smiles on their faces.

"Over 40 businesses were involved and all made useful contacts with potential new clients, and a lot of networking between them should lead to some exciting, innovative events in the future.

"All the dance classes went down well with all ages joining in and having great fun, and a lot of treatments and advice were enjoyed by all who came."

The event managed to raise £700 for the Wantage Health and Wellbeing Centre, Wantage Silver Band and Cancer Research UK.

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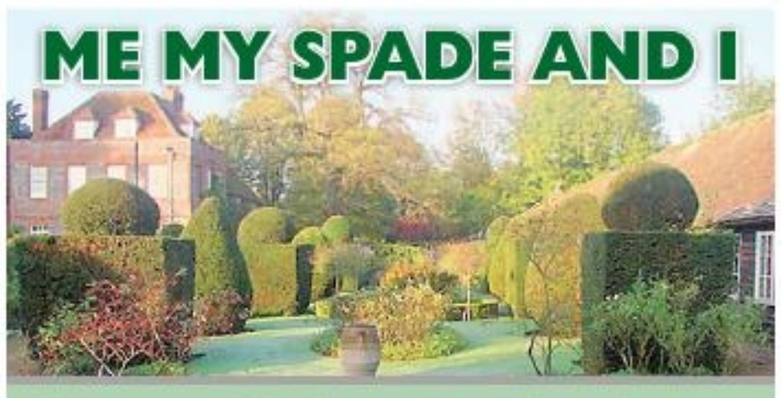

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'An absolute nightmare, to be brutally honest'

OVER £500 was stolen and £2,000 worth of damage was caused to an Abingdon charity shop after it was broken into on Friday, October 4.

The Kathryn Turner Trust shop, in Suffolk Way, was targeted by three men who gained entry by breaking a window at around 8.30pm.

Once inside, two offenders searched the shop, where they stole the cash, a black Advent laptop and a collection tin. The third man kept watch outside.

The shop raises money for the Royal British Legion and armed forces charity SAAFA, with £450 of that day's takings, a £40 float for the following day and an estimated £40 from the collection tin being stolen.

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Mark Gwyther, a trustee at the shop, had to rush home from a friend's wedding when he found out about the break-in.

He said: "I felt sick. Being at the wedding we didn't get to bed too early, and then got woken up with a phone call at 8.20am to say the place had been broken into.

"They've completely trashed the office, emptied out all the draws, and they stole the company laptop, which had all the accounts on and all of our artwork.

"It's an absolute nightmare to be brutally honest."

The first offender is a white man, aged 20 to 25-years-old, of slim build with a large nose. He was wearing a light-coloured Adidas hooded sweatshirt, black gloves, light-coloured bottoms and Nike trainers.

The second was dressed in identical clothing but was of a larger build.

They had originally tried to access the shop by forcing open the front door with a crowbar, but after that was unsuccessful they cut a hole in the window to gain entry.

Mark added: "When they actually came through, they started off in the shop and then went out into the warehouse, which is where the police think they've already been in before.

"You can imagine a 6,500 square foot warehouse in the dark with furniture everywhere, and they just walked through it like they know the place."

The shop has reopened for business as normal.

Anyone who has information relating to the burglary is asked to call PC James Cartwright from Abingdon Police Station on 101.

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Blackwood opens school's new design and tech centre

• *Stephen Oliver and Nicola Blackwood inside the new centre*

OUR Lady's school in Abingdon celebrated the official launch of their new design and technology centre on Friday, which was opened by Nicola Blackwood MP.

A crowd of teachers, parents and local figures gathered at the school for the opening, which features new design equipment and a 3D printer.

Stephen Oliver, principal of the school, said: "The design and technology centre we had before was quite small, so we very much wanted to expand the facilities.

"It was only a few months to build from beginning to end, so we got going around Easter time and the interior was finished by the end of August, so it was a very quick build.

"It's been very exciting, it's great to have Nicola Blackwood here and having so many people coming along."

Ms Blackwood added: "As a school governor myself, I know exactly how much work goes into projects like this.

"Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this project. The outcome is a beautiful building, inside and out."

The school only started teaching the subject in 2010, and it is now studied by pupils from the age of nine onwards, who have been using the new building since September.

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Door damage

POLICE are looking for offenders who damaged the front doors to two properties they were trying to break into in Abingdon on Monday.

Offenders did not gain access to either of the houses, which are located on Hadland Road. Call 101 with information.

In the running

THE 31st running of the Abingdon Marathon takes place on Sunday, with around 1,000 competitors expected to take part in the prestigious race.

Starting at Tilsley Park, the course takes runners towards Radley and into the town centre, followed by a two-lap route through Drayton, Milton and Sutton Courtenay before heading back to the starting point.

Motorists are advised that Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive will be closed for a portion of the morning.

Path plans

PLANS to extend a cycle path along Wootton Road in North Abingdon are being re-evaluated, following concerns from an urban design expert.

The new path would run from the roundabout with Dunmore Road towards the junction with Northcourt Road, but some believe the level of traffic could be dangerous to cyclists. The road is often busy with young cyclists travelling to the three nearby schools: Fitzharrys, John Mason and Larkmead.

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Appeal after woman shot with BB gun

A WOMAN was shot with what appears to be a BB gun in Appleford, and police are appealing for information regarding the incident.

At around 10.13am on October 5, a 60-year-old woman was walking along the Thames path between Appleford and Culham with another woman.

They saw a man and a boy on the opposite side of the river, and as the women passed they heard a noise, which sounded like a gun being fired.

The victim felt a sharp pain to her backside, and both women turned to see the two men walking away towards a silver pick-up vehicle, which had bars on the rear.

No injury was caused to the woman, and there was no damage to her clothing,

The man was white and in his forties, six foot tall and of medium build, who was wearing a short-sleeved navy t-shirt.

The boy aged approximately 12 to 14-years-old, and was wearing a light blue t-shirt.

Anyone with information should contact PC Martin Whaley via the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number 101.

Man arrested in police drugs bust

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A DRUGS warrant executed at a Kidlington house has led to the arrest of a 32-year-old man, after police arrived unannounced at the property on Friday morning.

Officers from the Bicester and Kidlington neighbourhood team forced their way into the house on Lane Close at 11.20am, after smashing a glass panel on the back door.

One man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs, and has been released on bail until November 24.

Another man at the house was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis, and was served with a caution.

Sergeant Stephen Willis said: "This was a well executed warrant which was effectively carried out by officers from the neighbourhood teams.

"I encourage residents to continue to report any concerns to us and this warrant is evidence that we will work together and take robust action against those who continue to handle drugs within our communities.

"Whilst Cherwell and West Oxfordshire is one of the safest places to live and work, our communities do not want drugs within them.

"Possession of drugs is a criminal offence and one that Thames Valley Police takes seriously.

"We will continue to take action against those that offend and if applicable, seek to seize money and property that we believe are connected to that offending."

Officers searched the property for several hours on Friday, and found several vacuum-packed bags of class A drugs.

The operation had been planned by police for a number of weeks beforehand, and the warrant was sworn out two days before on October 9.

Anyone who believes they have information about a drugs-related crime should call the police non-emergency number of 101.

• *PC Adam Clark with one of the vacuum bags found at the house. Inset, the man who was arrested is led away by PC Ian Ledger*

Community service for fraudster

A BANBURY man who fraudulently claimed over £8,000 in benefits has been ordered to carry out 150 hours of community service, as well as having to pay the money back.

Robert Michael Hope, 62, of Gibbs Road, appeared at Banbury Magistrates Court on October 8, where he pleaded guilty to five charges of benefit fraud.

Hope had obtained £8,358.05 in housing and council tax benefits he was not entitled to, after knowingly failing to disclose changes in circumstances and making false statements that affected his claims.

Cherwell District Councillor Ken Atack, said: "The more agencies work together and pool their information, the harder it is for criminals to cover up benefit fraud, and this is a good example.

"The council was alerted to Mr Hope's undeclared works pension through the Audit Commission's National Fraud Initiative, which matches data held on various computer systems.

"The data match highlighted that Mr Hope had an undeclared civil service pension, and he admitted this in an interview under caution.

"But investigators then established that Mr Hope had a further pension with British Airways, which also hadn't been declared."

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Councillor's Column

Andrew Smith

MP for Oxford East

Soaring bills a huge problem

A KEY factor in the cost of living crisis, one of the biggest problems families and businesses face right now, is rising energy bills. This week we've seen a staggering eight per cent price rise for some hard pressed consumers. But while Ed Miliband has announced plans to freeze energy bills while resetting the market, the government had no answer to the problem of sky-high bills when challenged at Prime Minister's Questions last week.

It is clear that the government can't deal with cost of living problems like soaring energy bills because they put a privileged few before the majority of hard working people.

Labour's energy plan will see gas and electricity bills frozen from the General Election to 2017 – enough time to reform the energy market – making sure it works for families and businesses instead of ripping them off. The plans will save a typical household £120 and the average business £1,800.

This is one of a set of policies from Labour to tackle the cost of living crisis head on. Ed Miliband has also pledged to strengthen the minimum wage, and to provide 25 hours of free childcare a week for three and four year olds in England. I'm right behind Ed on this, because I think people deserve better.

The government are saying the economy is recovering, but news that the economy is in recovery will come as a surprise for many people who are still feeling the pinch.

Instead of telling people things are getting better, the government needs to start listening to families and businesses who really need help.

A BUSINESS in Oxford is facing civil penalties for employing illegal workers following operations by Border Agency officers on Tuesday, October 8.

A 20-year-old Albanian man working at Café Crème, on Broad Street, was arrested at 12.10pm after he was found to have overstayed his visa.

He was then transferred to immigration detention, pending removal from the country.

Café Crème was served a notice warning of a penalty of up to £10,000, unless proof is provided that the correct right-to-work checks were carried out.

It comes as on Thursday last week the Government published the Immigration Bill, which carries numerous proposals to clamp down on illegal working and rogue employers.

This could include doubling the maximum penalty for those using illegal labour, such as that Café Crème is facing, to £20,000, and making it easier to enforce unpaid debts in the civil courts.

Immigration minister Mark Harper said: "Illegal working encourages illegal immigration, undercuts legitimate businesses and is often associated with exploitation.

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"The existing illegal working regime isn't simple enough. The penalties have remained the same since 2008 and don't provide a sufficient deterrent; it is also too easy for companies to evade paying them.

"New legislation will increase the penalties for rogue businesses, make it easier to enforce payment, while also making it easier for legitimate businesses to verify individuals' right to work."

As part of the Border Agency's checks on October 8, they also visited Mehfil, of Market Square, Bicester.

Two Bangladeshi men were arrested from the premises at 1.30pm: one 37-year-old who has overstayed his visa, and a 47-year-old who had entered the country illegally.

Mehfil faces a fine of up to £20,000 unless proof can be found.

More information for employers on preventing illegal working can be found at: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Ashmolean professor to present artefacts lecture

• *Items from the Wellby collection, which is the focus of Saturday's lecture*

THE Ashmolean Museum is hosting a lecture on Saturday about a major collection of items it was given earlier this year.

Back in January, the Ashmolean was given nearly 500 silver objects from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, following the death of collector Michael Wellby.

Professor Timothy Wilson, keeper of western art, will present the lecture on the Wellby collection and the proposed display of the objects.

Mr Wellby was a member of a family prominent in the silver trade, and his passion for silver began when he was aged 18 and took a part-time job in his father's business.

Some of the pieces that will feature in the lecture are attributed to German and Flemish makers, as well as a number of others from elsewhere in Europe.

The majority are made of silver, but several incorporate ivory, agate, shell, lapis lazuli and rock crystal carved into the pieces, which have been highly valued by collectors.

One of the most important pieces in the collection is a silver gilt ewer made in Portugal around 1510, demonstrating a fantastic style of Portuguese art and architecture known as the Manueline style.

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Oxford MPs in support of new health website

OXFORD'S MPs have voiced their support for a local mental health website that has been commended nationally.

The British Medical Association Patient Information Awards has commended the Oxford Mental Health Forum which was set up to support those affected with the illness.

A local GP and professionals from the Oxford NHS Trust have contributed to the website while users and carers are invited to share their experiences in the forum as well as write articles for the blog.

"This is a valuable online resource, offering vital support for local people and their families coping daily with mental illness," said Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon.

"Help is freely available from a variety of specialist community groups and medical professionals.

"I am delighted to hear that the website has been endorsed by the British Medical Association."

Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford East, added: "Access to a high quality website like this will be an invaluable resource for people with mental health issues, their families and everyone who needs better quality information and support."

Fiona Goodall, who developed the website, says the website is for anyone associated with mental illnesses.

"I'm absolutely delighted that Oxford Mental Health Forum has been recognised by The British Medical Association," she said.

"Whether you care for a family member affected by mental illness, you've suffered from a mental illness yourself, or you know friends or work colleagues who have; the impact of mental illness on sufferers and friends and family can be profound."

She continued: "I felt there was an opportunity to develop a local resource that could help support people affected by mental illness.

"One that could give users a "voice", and help to increase awareness and accessibility by providing access to a range of material on mental health, including articles, research, and information on local services."

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Third Half Marathon a success, despite rain

OVER 3,500 people completed the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday, raising money for various different charities including official partner Helen and Douglas House.

This was the third staging of the half marathon, and the miserable weather didn't put off the runners and fans from taking part.

The race was won by Sri Lankan Olympic athlete Anurahda Cooray with a time of 1:06.56, over two minutes ahead of second-placed Tim Don.

Claire Bond was the fastest woman to complete the 13.1 mile course, with her time of 1:22.32.

The route took runners from the Kassam Stadium, along Iffley Road towards the city centre, before heading back towards the starting point.

Adam Parsons was one of the competitors in Oxford, following on from running the London Marathon back in May where he raised over £1,500 for the Amber Phillpott Trust.

He said: "It was good fun despite the rain! It was a very well organised event with great support from the team of marshals around the route.

"With all the training I had put in for the marathon, I decided to try and get a personal best in other distances I had run in, and managed to beat my previous time by three minutes finishing 1:39.27."

News Bites

Cowley fire

FIRE crews had to be called in the early hours of Sunday morning, following a fire in an unoccupied ground floor flat on Cowley Road.

The incident took place at around 1.20am, and fire investigation officers are working with Thames Valley Police to determine the cause of the blaze.

House forum

OXFORD'S Landlord Forum took place on Monday evening, giving residents the opportunity to discuss developments in private rented housing.

Run by Oxford City Council, the event was attended by independent landlords, local letting agents and property professionals.

Film fans fun

BUDDING filmmakers aged 12 to 16 are being encouraged to attend free hands-on workshops, run by the Film Oxford British Film Industry Academy.

Participants will get to see what goes into making a film in the workshops, as well as learning tricks of the trade for filmmaking in the digital age.

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Six years on, Dazzle gets to go home

By **Jack Johnson**
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• *Rescued pony Dazzle and foal Razzle*

A STARVING and pregnant pony who was rescued from an Oxfordshire field has been reunited with her owner six years after being stolen.

The mare, who was so thin that her spine and hip bones were visible, was rescued by the RSPCA from a field in Bloxham, near Banbury.

She was infested with lice and worms while an emaciated foal, who was described as being at "death's door" was also rescued.

Incredibly both ponies survived while the pregnant mare, Dazzle, gave birth to a healthy foal, Razzle (both pictured).

She was reunited with her stunned owner in Buckinghamshire after being stolen when she was only eight months old back in 2006.

Dazzle and the nine-month-old foal, Magpie, were seized by Thames Valley Police in March this year on the advice of a vet and taken into RSPCA care.

"The ponies were both starving, they simply did not have enough to eat," said RSPCA inspector Doug Davidson.

"The filly, Magpie, was so emaciated she was in a state of collapse. It took six months and a lot of love and care for her to recover."

He added: "The mare was heavily pregnant, but was so emaciated it was shocking.

"Amazingly she recovered well enough that six weeks after she came to us she gave birth to a healthy foal.

"It's lovely that we were able to reunite Dazzle with her previous owner. After six years he had given up hope of seeing his pony again."

John Murphy, 56, a builder from Banbury, pleaded guilty to three charges in relation to the two ponies.

He pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to the two ponies by failing to investigate the cause of their poor body condition and weight loss.

Murphy also admitted two counts of failing to meet their needs and protect them from pain, suffering and disease.

He was given an 18-month conditional discharge, was banned from keeping animals for five years and ordered to pay costs of £2,400.

There is no suggestion Murphy was involved in the theft or knew Razzle was stolen.

MP's Corner

Nicola Blackwood
MP for Oxford West and Abingdon

A34 needs to be improved

HIGH-TECH science, innovation and technology is at the heart of Oxfordshire's economic success.

The 'Tech Cluster' that stretches from Harwell and Culham via Milton Park through Oxford University and up to Begroke and the F1 companies in the north of the county is world class potential.

That is why, on October 3, I attended the launch, in the Said Business School, for 'Oxfordshire Innovation Engine – Realising the Growth Potential.'

The key finding of the report was that, with targeted support, Oxfordshire has the potential to contribute £1bn more to the UK economy by 2023.

However, local infrastructure needs investment if start ups are going to thrive and stay put. In particular, inadequate road infrastructure between growth areas, particularly on the A34, is a major drag on existing businesses and a barrier to new businesses moving in.

Oxfordshire has the potential to be a national and international powerhouse for the science and knowledge-based economy. To realise this vision though, we need to be better connected. Anyone who lives anywhere near Oxford knows that businesses and commuters across the city region are significantly affected by congestion on the A34.

I brought the Transport Minister to see the problem of the A34 for himself in Spring 2013, and he has since announced that nationally the Government is prioritising the development of 'route-based strategies', to look at corridors rather than just individual schemes. He has also confirmed that the A34 will be part of this wider programme of strategies.

Oxfordshire is a key player on the national and international stage. It is time for decision-makers in Government, academia and businesses to work together to overcome these barriers and ensure that we really do realise that potential.

Burglars 'looking for their dog'

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Appleford on Friday, after two offenders gained entry to a property owned by an 83-year-old.

The incident took place at 7.30pm when the offenders entered the house in Main Road, but were disturbed by the owner of the house.

When they were challenged about their presence, the offenders said that they were looking for a dog. They then left calmly without any property.

The first offender is a tanned white man in his mid-thirties, around five foot seven inches, with thinning, short mousey-brown hair and was clean shaven. He was wearing work clothes and looked like a labourer.

The second was of large build, approximately five foot three inches tall and walked with a hunch.

Anyone with information about the burglary is asked to contact PC Mark Allmond from Abingdon Police Station on 101.

Campaign to clean up Rose Hill

A NEW campaign to tidy up the streets of Rose Hill has been launched, and residents and community groups are being encouraged to get involved.

The Cleaner, Greener Oxford campaign started on Monday and will run for four weeks.

A community litter pick is planned for Saturday, and will run from the children's centre at The Oval from 10am until 2pm.

Cllr John Tanner, board member for Cleaner, Greener Oxford, said: "The aim of the campaign is to tidy up Oxford and get local residents involved in keeping their neighbourhoods clean.

"There are still too many people dropping litter, letting their dogs foul the footpath and not recycling as much as they could.

"We want to change that with our programme of education, encouragement and if necessary, enforcement against persistent offenders."

As well as the litter pick, new bins will be installed, the Rivermead Road nature reserve will be cleaned of fly-tipping and the entrance to the recreation ground from Spencer Crescent cleared of overgrown bushes.

Rowing squad is aiming for gold

By **Adam Flinn**
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• *Headington School's rowing squad have been training ready to race in America on Sunday*

HEADINGTON School's rowing squad is in the final stages of preparation for the club's first ever transatlantic competition later this month.

The 22 girls aged between 15 and 18 are set to participate in the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston on Sunday, and the Head of the Schuylkill regatta in Philadelphia the following week.

They will take part in three races at both regattas: two eights and a coxless quad in Boston, and two eights and a coxed four in Philadelphia.

Director of rowing at the school, Ryan Demaine, said: "While the Henley Royal Regatta is probably the most prestigious rowing event there is, the Head of the Charles will see the largest field of juniors they will ever have competed against.

"They will be up against the very best junior rowers in the world, but I am confident they will more than hold their own in what will be the first time our rowers have competed in America."

Among the youngsters taking part is 17-year-old Hannah Tomlinson, who represented Great Britain in Switzerland during the summer.

She said: "This has been on the cards for years now and so to think that we go in a week is so thrilling and yet at the same time a little nerve wracking.

"Before any race, you are always nervous, but the fact we have never done this before and it is in a different country, with different formats to racing, makes it that little bit more interesting."

Headington School headmistress Caroline Jordan will be joining the rowers stateside, to show her support for the squad.

"Our rowers are the best performing girls' rowing team in the country," she said. "Twice in the past five years they have been the best school rowing team irrespective of gender.

"But more than that, they are lovely girls, fantastic ambassadors for the school and among our most academically successful students."

"I believe the commitment required to excel in a sport like rowing helps our girls manage their time and strive for the best, and academic success invariably follows."

The squad fly out to America today, and are scheduled to return on October 30.

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Hunt for man after sexual assault in city

A WOMAN was sexually assaulted in Oxford last week after waking up to find a man in her room.

During the early hours of October 9, a woman was asleep in a property in James Street when she awoke to find a man in her bedroom.

He kissed her and when she shouted out he left the building through a window.

The man is black, around 5ft 8ins, of lean build, with short hair and was wearing dark trousers and a grey plaid lumberjack-style shirt.

Police now want anyone with information to get in touch.

Investigating officer PC Andrew Poole said: "The victim of this assault, though thankfully unhurt, was left very shaken.

"I urge anyone who saw a man matching his description or wearing the particularly distinctive shirt, around the East Oxford area on Wednesday morning to get in touch."

Anyone with information should contact PC Poole on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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'Exciting' development for cancer treatment

SCIENTISTS based in the city have found a way of delivering drugs more effectively to treat life-threatening cancers that have spread to the brain.

The study at Oxford University, in mice and tissue samples used a protein called TNF that tracks down sites in the brain where cancer has spread.

It recognises a marker found only on tumour blood vessels.

Researchers found that TNF can temporarily open the blood-brain barrier (BBB) allowing drugs to pass from the blood system into the tumour.

The BBB can act as a shield that prevents potentially dangerous particles such as bacteria entering the brain while at the same time stop cancer drugs reaching tumours that have spread to the brain.

Dr Nicola Sibson of the Department of Oncology at Oxford University said: "Treatments that work very well against the original site of the cancer lose their effectiveness when the cancer spreads to the brain.

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"This is because these drugs are prevented from getting to the tumour because of the blood-brain barrier."

Dr Sibson added: "A number of attempts have been made to open up the BBB but they've all struggled.

"This is because they're either not specific enough to open the BBB only at the site of the tumour or not effective enough to allow the drug across to kill the cancer."

Dr Kat Arney, science information manager at Cancer Research UK, which funded the work, described the result as "exciting".

"Getting treatments through the blood-brain barrier remains one of the greatest challenges for cancer researchers," she said.

"This exciting result points the way to a potentially game-changing moment in finding ways to treat cancers that have spread to the brain.

"We now need to test this approach in cancer patients to see if it will have the same effect."

Shoppers set to enjoy community artwork

A PUBLIC display of 114 community artworks has gone on display at Templars Square Shopping Centre, representing scenes and people from Cowley.

'Faces and Places of Cowley' was launched on Saturday, with many of the contributing artists in attendance along with supervising community artist Groovy Su.

Thirteen free sessions were arranged from July 20 to October 5 for Cowley residents to take part in the project, with each participant showing a memory of the area through their work.

It is hoped the artworks will go on permanent display at Templars Square.

The project was funded by the shopping centre, while the majority of the sessions took place at the adjacent Ark-T centre.

A statement from Templars Square said: "It was an honour for the shopping centre to fund this project, and we are very proud to display these works.

"Our sincere thanks go out to each and every one of the artists that took part."

• *Children and residents at Templars Square (Picture by Cait Sweeney)*

News Bites

Items stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a property in Cumnor Road, near Oxford, was burgled on October 7.

Between 9am and 12.30pm, offenders forced entry to the rear of the house and stole electrical items and jewellery.

Contact PC Shane Hedges on 101.

Tower blocks

A PROJECT to improve five tower blocks across the city is underway.

Surveys are currently being undertaken to assess the condition of the buildings and what repairs need to made.

The tower blocks that will be improved are Evenlode Tower and Windrush Tower in Blackbird Leys, Foresters Tower in Wood Farm, Hockmore Tower in Cowley and Plowmans Tower in Northway.

Conference

EIGHT current and former young cancer patients from Oxford attended a Teenage Cancer Trust conference in Nottingham last weekend.

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Top tourism

FOUR West Oxfordshire tourism organisations have been selected among the best in the region.

Tourism South East has shortlisted Bill Spectre's Ghost Trails, Blenheim Palace, the Feathered Nest Inn and Burford Visitor Information Centre for the awards on November 27.

Boy attacked

AN 18-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm (GBH), following an assault in Oxford on Friday.

At about 1.45pm, a 14-year-old boy was punched in the head multiple times as he walked home on Manzil Way, and sustained a broken jaw that required hospital treatment. Passers-by tried to intervene and stop the assault.

The man has been released on bail until November 21.

Charity organisations honoured at awards

By Adam Flinn
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OXFORD Town Hall was host to the city's Charity and Volunteer Awards on Monday night, celebrating the numerous organisations and individuals doing outstanding work in the county.

The awards are organised annually by Oxfordshire Charity and Voluntary Action (OCVA), who help organisations in the community sector.

There were 10 award categories for charity and voluntary organisations from around Oxfordshire to enter, with 38 individuals also being recognised for their work for various causes.

A special OCVA 80th anniversary award was given to Dr Peter Agulnik, for his volunteering in the mental health sector.

Alison Baxter, chief executive of OCVA, said: "The awards are a great opportunity to showcase the sector which is working tirelessly in a harsh climate to deliver services to those who need their support.

"Thanks to the support of local businesses, we can celebrate the hard work and achievements of volunteers, charities and community projects, to show gratitude to those people who give so much to Oxfordshire."

Events and networks officer Kanika Lang added: "OCVA would like to thank everyone who nominated a charity, project or volunteer this year.

"The judges were very impressed with the high calibre and huge variety of projects happening across the county."

Elaine Adams, development manager from Assisted Reading for Children who won the Management of Volunteers Award, said: "We always support these awards as it is wonderful for volunteers of Oxfordshire to be nominated and recognised.

"But actually to win for our volunteers, it's wonderful and we can't wait to tell everyone."

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Fly-tipping drops by a third in West Oxon

FIGURES have been released that shows fly-tipping in West Oxfordshire has reduced by nearly a third since 2006.

There were 503 incidents of fly-tipping reported in 2012-13, compared to 736 in 2006-07.

West Oxfordshire District Council introduced an Environmental Enforcement Team in 2007 to help combat fly-tipping and other related crimes, with 21 people having been prosecuted as a result.

Cllr David Harvey, cabinet member for environment, said: "Fly-tipping is a scourge on the environment and so we are pleased that the council's actions have helped to clamp down on this problem.

"Our Environmental Enforcement Team works closely with both the police and Environment Agency and we use a range of methods, including CCTV, to investigate incidents reported to us.

"Members of the public help enormously too, not only by reporting fly tips so that we can clear them up as quickly as possible, but also by contacting us when they have witnessed suspicious behaviour."

For more minor fly-tipping offences, 61 people have been issued with an £80 fine, 15 formally cautioned and 219 warning letters sent out.

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All Mod Con, 35 years on

See Ghosts

THE English Touring Theatre are bringing their new translation of Henrik Ibsen's masterpiece Ghosts to the Oxford Playhouse next week.

From October 22-26, the touring theatre's founder Stephen Unwin will be showing his interpretation, inspired by Edvard Munch's stage designs. Tickets start at £10. Call 01865 305305.

Full measures

OXFORD Theatre Guild is returning to the North Wall Arts Centre from October 23-26 with its production of Shakespeare's Measure for Measure.

Set in small-town America, the play is a 21st century tale of power, corruption and sexual desire. Performances start at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinée at 2.30pm.

BRUCE Foxton and From the Jam are rolling into the city this week with their 'All Mod Cons' 35th anniversary tour.

The former bass player for The Jam is bringing the album back to Oxford tomorrow evening with band members Russell Hastings and Mark Brzezicki.

It has been 35 years since The Jam released their third album 'All Mod Cons' and it will be played in full at the O2 Academy tomorrow along with a selection of classic hits and album tracks.

Bruce, now 58, has also included some of his solo hits from his album 'Back In The Room' and says he can't wait to perform in Oxford again.

"I remember when we recorded the album in 1978 and we didn't know how long it would still be knocking around and be popular," he said.

"But 35 years later the audiences are getting bigger and better.

"Oxford is always a good gig for us.

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"Having said that, with The Jam we were very fortunate that most of the country was good.

"I don't mean to say that in a blasé way but we were popular length and breadth."

Despite playing an album that he first recorded 35 years ago, Bruce feels that teaming it up with new songs and one of The Jam's previously unheard live tracks - 'Fly' - adds a freshness to the set list.

"There is an element of nostalgia," he said, "but because it has been such a long break in playing the 'All Mod Cons' album, apart from a few tracks we played live, the whole album is fresh to me.

"We're playing a great album as far as I'm concerned."

Bruce added: "There is nothing more satisfying than going out and playing in front of a receptive live audience and thankfully Oxford has always been like that and long may it continue."

• *Russell Hastings (left) and Bruce Foxton perform on stage*

Sean Hughes

COMEDIAN and long-time Never Mind The Buzzcocks team captain Sean Hughes brings his new show to the Didcot Cornerstone tomorrow evening, as part of his latest tour Life Becomes Noises.

The Irish comic has been in the industry since the 1980s, starting off at the Comedy Store in London with his show A One Night Stand With Sean Hughes.

Sean said: "Comedy was something I wanted to do. I started when I was about 16, and it was something slightly different then. With Buzzcocks you're pretty much doing the same show all the time, so it is what it is, it's fine, it was fun. But when I do stand-up, I like to do shows that are about things."

Life Becomes Noises is Sean dealing with his father's death through comedy - a hilarious feel-good show about the lighter side of dying.

Tomorrow's show in Didcot starts at 8pm, with tickets costing £14.50. For more details, call 01235 515144.

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Music on a shoestring

An inspection

THE Government Inspector, adapted from the original play by Nikolai Gogol, comes to the Old Fire Station in Oxford tomorrow and Saturday.

It follows the story of Anton Antonovich, a Russian mayor in the midst of a crisis as an inspector is on his way to visit the town in this hilarious show.

Both shows start at 7.45pm, with tickets costing £12. To book, call 01865 263980 or visit www.oldfirestation.org.uk.

Brass band gig

KING'S Sutton Parish Church is host to the Brackley Junior Brass Band on Saturday night, for a concert during the evening.

The performance starts at 7pm. Entry on the door is £8 for adults and £5 for concessions, with under 12s going in free.

AUSTRALIAN singer-songwriter Emily Barker comes to Saint John the Evangelist Church in Oxford on Tuesday with her band The Red Clay Halo, following the release of their latest studio album Dear River in July.

Emily moved to the UK in 2002 and formed the band The Low Country with guitarist Rob Jackson, releasing two albums in 2003 and 2004.

She then moved on to release her debut solo album Photos. Fires.Fables. in 2005, which coincided with the formation of The Red Clay Hero the same year.

She has been performing with the all-female trio of Anna Jenkins, Jo Silverston and Gill Sandell ever since, releasing Despite The Snow in 2008, Almanac in 2011 and now Dear River.

Emily said: "I've done quite a few shows in churches. The biggest one was we headlined the Union Chapel in Islington last year, which was amazing.

"We did that and filled it up and we've played in quite a lot of other churches not much smaller than that one, and I always really enjoy the acoustics in them. It's beautiful."

By Adam Flinn
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Dear River is the first album that Emily hasn't had to finance herself, after she and the band were signed to the Linn Records label.

"We've had a budget and a recording studio, which we didn't have before" Emily added. "Everything had been done on a real shoestring, so the outcome is it sounds lush and really well produced. It definitely is a bit more of a rock album in some ways."

"We'll keep the show quite varied and still play the rockier sound we've got on the new record, but we'll definitely do a few things which will benefit from the acoustics in the church."

The show starts at 7.45pm at the church, on Iffley Road, and tickets cost £12.50 in advance.

• *St John the Evangelist Church is host to Emily Barker on Tuesday*

West Side Story

POPULAR musical theatre show West Side Story begins at the Oxford New Theatre on Tuesday, for a five day run starring Katie Hall and Louis Maskell.

Katie has previously played Christine in Phantom of the Opera, while Louis has appeared in the national tour of Scrooge – The Musical.

Eight shows are scheduled between Tuesday and the following Saturday.

Call 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

Mozart tribute

CLASSICAL pianist Michael Liddell performs works by Mozart, Schubert and Chopin on Sunday afternoon, held at the Chipping Norton Theatre.

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18 October, 5pm
Oxford Playhouse
THE UNDERCOVER ECONOMIST STRIKES BACK
Oxford-based Tim Harford is the author of The Undercover Economist, presenter of BBC Radio 4's More or Less and Pop Up Economics and a regular columnist for the Financial Times. He will be signing copies of his new book, The Undercover Economist Strikes Back, after the talk.
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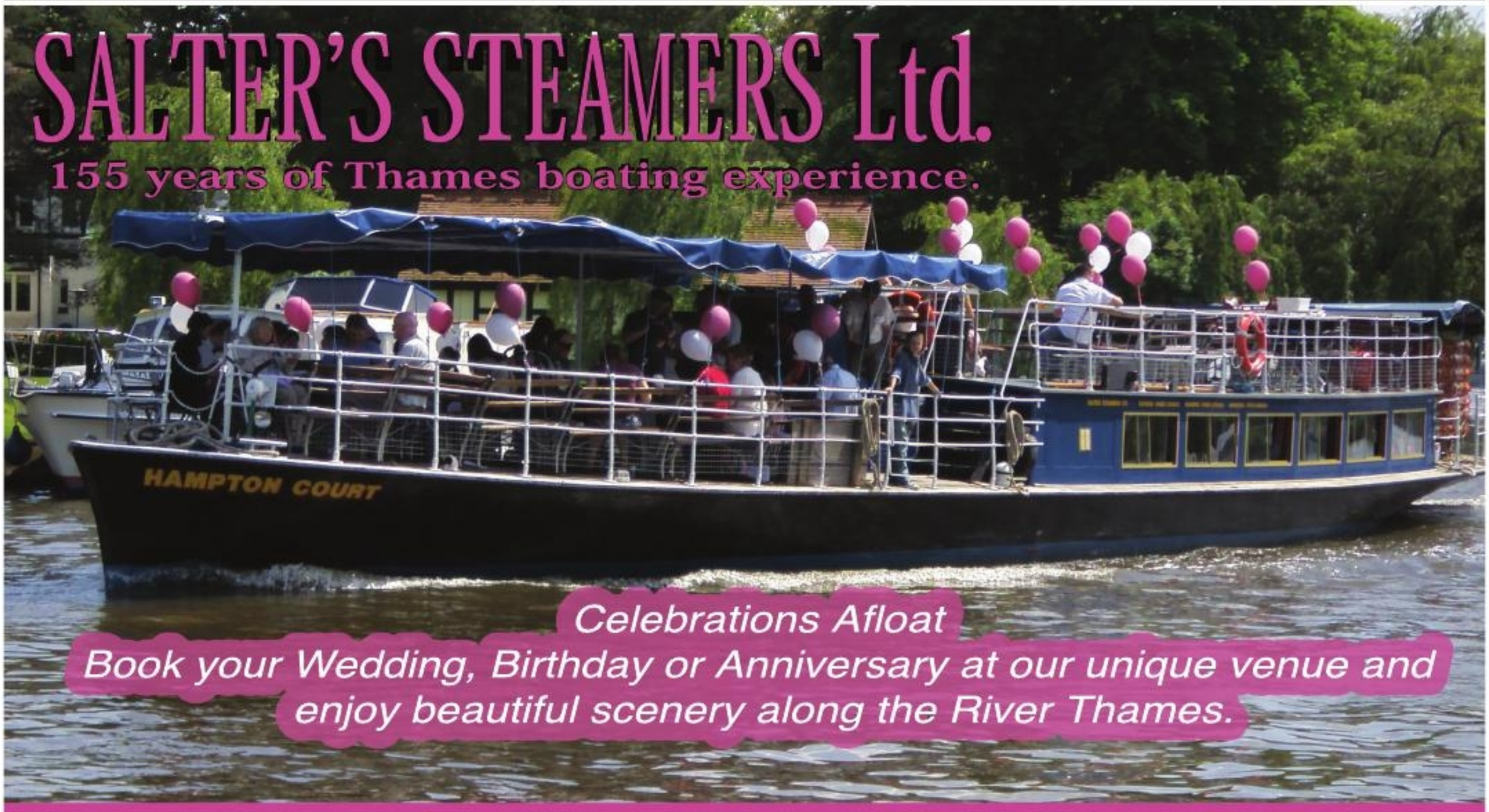

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9			8		2	7		
6		4	7	9			2	
	7			8	5		4	1
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Very hungry (8)
4 Pace (4)
8 Part of the foot (6)
10 Refer to (6)
11 Rub out (5)
12 Strainer (5)
14 Fortification (6)
17 Shapes of the moon (9)
18 Gem (9)
22 Landing place of Noah's Ark (6)
23 Viewpoint (5)
24 Send back (5)
26 Petitioned (6)
27 Lobster claw (6)
28 Sea eagle (4)
29 Showing respect (8)

Quick Clues Down

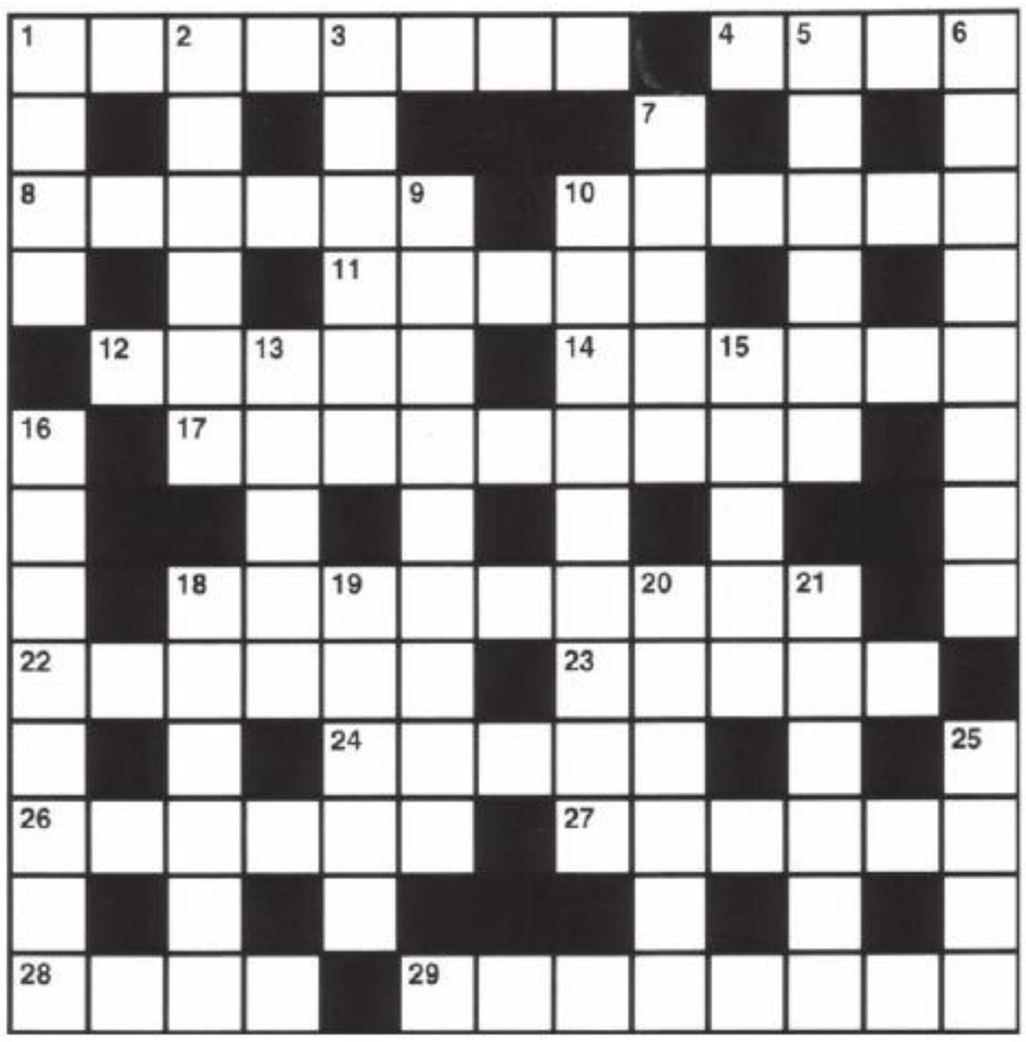
1 Blonde (4)
2 Design of pieces of stone (6)
3 Covering for the arm (6)
5 Has confidence in (6)
6 Goes in front (8)
7 Spotless (5)
9 Introduced (9)
10 Find out (9)
13 Mistake (5)
15 Hurt (5)
16 Climb, crawl with hands and feet (8)
18 Edge (6)
19 Equipped with oars (5)
20 Punctual (2,4)
21 Pass (6)
25 Impudent child (4)
21 Increase (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Hobo showed the way to be crushed underfoot (8)
4 Just a ray of light can produce a point of brightness (4)
8 Russian tyrant exposed in just a linen shirt! (6)
10 Hides the coats (6)
11 Is it excellent to begin to sleep in church? (5)
12 Begin to be a person (5)
14 Making a mistake by hesitating in front of the circle (6)
17 Ma, this act could lead to a condition of suffering (9)
18 The pirate sounds as if he'd give a dollar on ear (9)
22 Fantastic that the United Nations should be concerned with Capone (6)
23 Come in from his recent errand (5)
24 The king's inside but will break out (5)
26 In return, exclude the accounts of the Egyptian charm (6)
27 Is back fast, and without speaking (6)
28 Medicine does make a change (4)
29 Open and not led round the water (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Throw into the ship (4)
2 A confused enthusiasm to take a flower . . . (6)
3 . . . as adaptable as the one I am surrounded with? (6)
5 It's not funny to tease someone in their affliction (6)
6 Withdrew from the club - or joined again (8)
7 Ready for the signal (5)
9 Where the workers cannot be employed on a daily basis (5,4)
10 The lesser can achieve brightness (9)
13 Publish the result (5)
15 Fasten securely as the fifth tier is broken (5)
16 Ill-fated account employed about a rich leader (8)
18 Chances of fractures (6)
19 The secret society of one graduate in a hundred and fifty (5)
20 All show anger after about ten (6)
21 Cancel the order for the bells to chime again (6)
25 A group of horses would disturb the dust (4)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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9	1	6	8	3	5	2	7	4
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6	9	4	3	5	1	2	8	7
8	3	2	6	7	9	4	1	5

Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Shirks 8 Expands 9 Sparta 10 Readjusts 11 Else 13 Stole 14 Delayed 16 Aniseed 18 Snout 19 Stop 21 Recessing 22 Elixir 23 Spilled 24 Theses

Down: 1 Expectant 2 Handclasp 3 Odium 5 Hops 6 Rarely 7 Stared 9 Steer 11 Earnestly 12 Sequences 15 Never 16 Ascent 17 Iodine 20 Heaps 21 Rise

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Bronze 8 Pimpled 9 Padded 10 Depressed 11 Flee 13 Stops 14 Garrets 16 Oversee 18 Merit 19 Next 21 Anecdotal 22 Opaque 23 Readily 24 Radial

Down: 1 Directive 2 Spare part 3 Least 5 Read 6 Nodule 7 Eddies 9 Pedal 11 Freeholds 12 Ethically 15 Seine 16 On tour 17 Expand 20 Acted 21 Aura

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So, educating owners on pet health is more imperative than ever, which is why Frontline® Spot On has introduced the 'Be Tick Aware' campaign. A third of the pesky parasites have been found to carry infectious diseases, which not only affect dogs but humans too. The most common disease spread by ticks is Lyme disease, which has seen cases in humans increase by 300% since the year 2000. Many owners are unaware of the fact that ticks are second only to mosquitos globally in carrying infectious- and sometimes deadly diseases.

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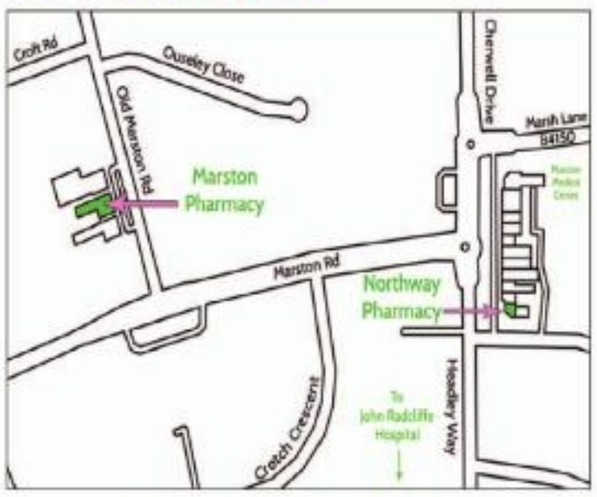

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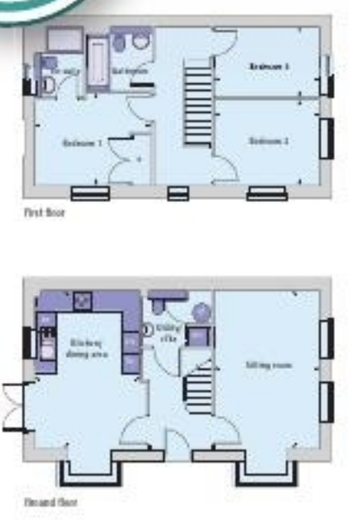

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Vauxhall's SUV crossover

REVIEW: VAUXHALL MOKKA

By **Philip Shoulder**

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THE Mokka marks Vauxhall's entry into the rapidly expanding compact SUV crossover class, already inhabited by the Nissan Juke, Skoda Yeti, Peugeot 2008 and Renault Captur. Unlike these rivals, Mokka actually looks more like a traditional SUV (albeit a very small one).

There are four trim levels: S, Exclusive, SE and Tech Line. Standard on all Mokkas is a comprehensive package of safety systems, including Electronic Stability Control, Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control.

The Mokka also comes with the option of four-wheel drive. It's a temporary adaptive system that sees 50% of drive go to the rear wheels when there's a loss of traction.

It's a punchy unit, providing 300 Nm of torque between 2000-2500 rpm. Only when revs fall below 1500 rpm does the motor feel a bit sluggish and a long second gear means it can be easy to stall, although the slick six-speed manual box makes changing gear a breeze. What's harder to overlook is the diesel engine's inherent gruffness. Around town it sounds like a delivery van, although quietens down at speed. Road noise is pretty well suppressed, but the suspension can thump and clunk over larger urban bumps and ruts.

Although undeniably a capable enough steer, the Mokka doesn't feel as agile or surefooted as the Nissan Juke or Skoda Yeti. However, there's no denying the diesel motor's frugality: we easily achieved between 50-60 mpg.

Once seated in the Mokka's lofty cabin, you're treated to a comfortable driving position that gives a commanding view of the road and decent front and side vision, helped by large door mirrors. Rear vision isn't so good – hindered by a high waist line.

There's stacks of headroom and also plentiful legroom for front and rear occupants, along with 19 different storage locations and a 362 litre boot, Cabin switchgear is familiar Astra/Insignia fare and aside from a rather button heavy centre console, both quality and ergonomics cannot really be faulted. The satnav's interface and navigation commands are clear as well, although like many systems, some new roads weren't recognised.

Verdict:

This is an attractively packaged and priced compact SUV crossover. It's not without merit, boasting good performance and economy, decent equipment and a spacious, functional cabin, but driving dynamics are off class best, as is diesel engine refinement.

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10 60 FIESTA ZETEC 1.25 PETROL, 5dr, colorado red/ grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, blue tooth, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, FSH, very low mileage 18,500, one local owner

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10 10 C MAX 1.8 TDCI DIESEL ZETEC 5 SPD, moondust silver/grey, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, heated screen, PAS, a/c, front fogs, 6 airbags, alloys, ABS, ESP, front & rear park sensors, one owner from new, FSH, low mileage 20,325 miles £9,995

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13 63 KA STUDIO 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, scuba blue/grey, 5 spd, PAS, immobiliser, r/CD, 2 airbags, ABS, pre-registered, delivery mileage only 10 miles, £30 RFL per year £7,995

10 60 KA EDGE 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, crystal white/gry, 5 spd, a/c, e/w&m, c/l, PAS, r/CD, 2 airbags, ABS, low mileage, one local owner from new, FSH, £30RFL per year, 23,947 ..... £6,995

10 10 KA ZETEC 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, blush met/grey, 5 spd, a/c, e/w&m, c/l, HFS, PAS, r/CD, alloys, ABS, 2 airbags, rear park sensors, RFL £30 per year, one owner, FSH, low mileage 16,151 miles. £7,495

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10 60 MONDEO TITANIUM 2.0 PETROL 1.4PS TITANIUM, 5spd, 5 dr, chill met/grey, e/w&m, c/l, DAB radio CD, heated windscreen, climate control, front fogs, alloys, ABS, ESP, cruise, park sensors,service, one owner from new, 35,500 miles £9,495

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13 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100 PS PETROL ZETEC, 5dr, ink blue met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, c/l, 17" alloys, a/c, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, rear park sensors, balance of manufacturer's warranty, one local owner, low mileage, £20 RFL per year, 8,029 miles £12,995

12 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC, 5dr, moondust silver met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, 17" alloys, air con, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, BALANCE OF MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, one local owner, low mileage 5,000 miles, £20 RFL per year. £12,995

08 58 FOCUS ST 3 2.5 PETROL 225PS, 5dr, performance blue met/black leather trim, 6 spd, radio & 6 CD, e/w&m, PAS, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, a/c, front fogs, HFS, heated seats, cruise, one owner from new, very low mileage 9,600 miles, FSH £11,591

10 10 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL TITANIUM, 5dr, chilli met/grey, 5 spd, e/w & m, a/c, HFS, auto h'lights & wipers, PAS, power start button, key less entry, DAB radio CD, rear park sensors, cruise control, heated seats, 6 airbags, ABS, one owner, FSH, low mileage 23,758 miles £9,591

11 60 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL SPORT, 5dr, moondust silver/grey, sat nav, Blue tooth USB, rear park sensors, a/c, alloys, HFS, auto wipers & headlamps, front fogs, e/front windows & mirrors, ABS, park sensors, one owner, FSH, 28,236 ..... £8,995

10 10 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL TITANIUM 5DR AUTO, moondust silver met/grey, e/w & m, a/c, auto headlights & wipers, PAS, power start button, key less entry, DAB radio/CD, rear park sensors, alloys, heated seats, cruise control, ABS, ESP, one owner from new, service history, 19,053 miles. £9,391

59 10 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM, 5dr, vision blue met/grey, 5 spd, e/w & m, HFS, a/c, auto headlights & wipers, PAS, DAB radio CD, ABS, ESP, alloys, rear park sensors, 6 airbags, cruise control, titanium alloys heated seats, one owner, FSH, 38,655 ..... £9,991

08 08 FOCUS STYLE 1.6 PETROL 100PS STYLE, 5 dr, ocean blue me/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, c/l, PAS, r/CD, a/c, HFS, front fogs, alloys, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, low mileage, FSH, 35,959 miles. £6,995

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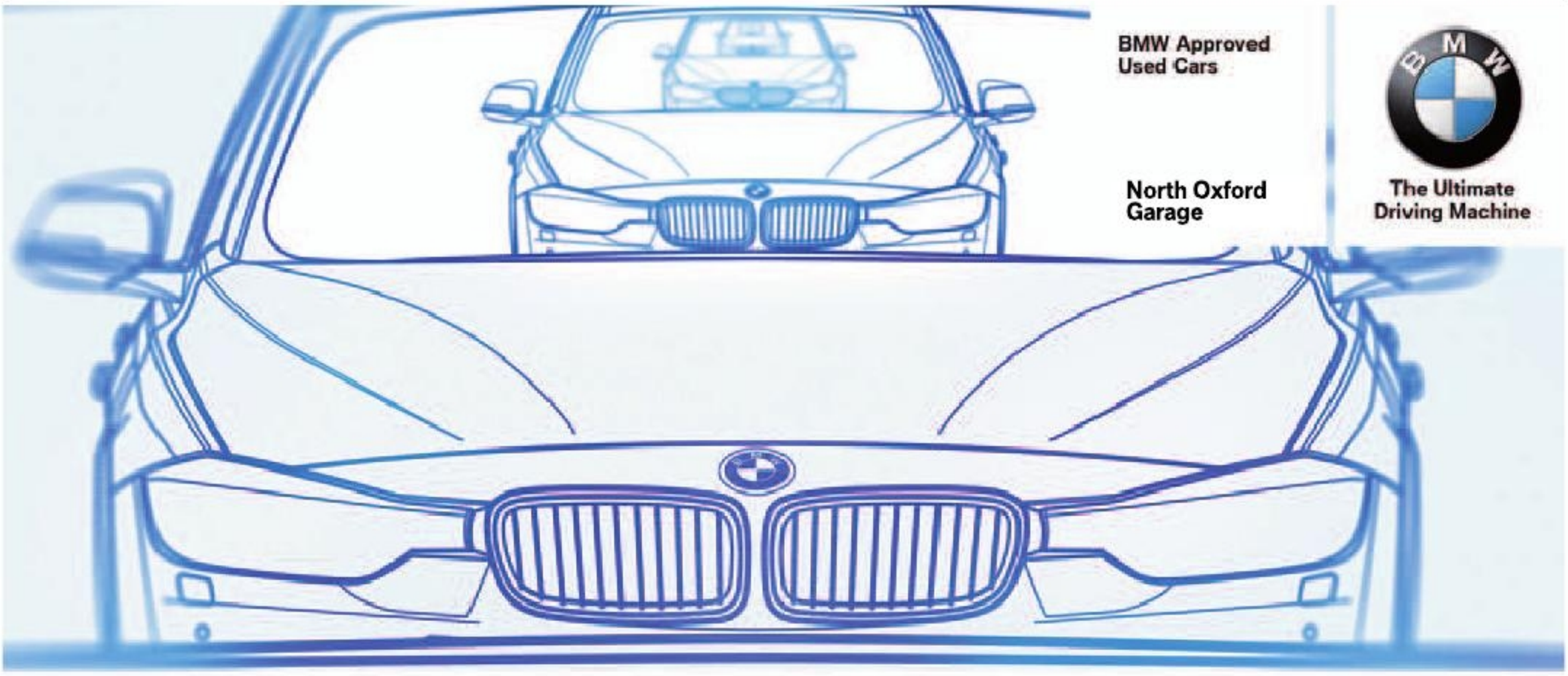

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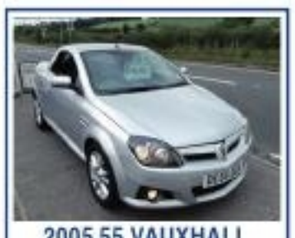

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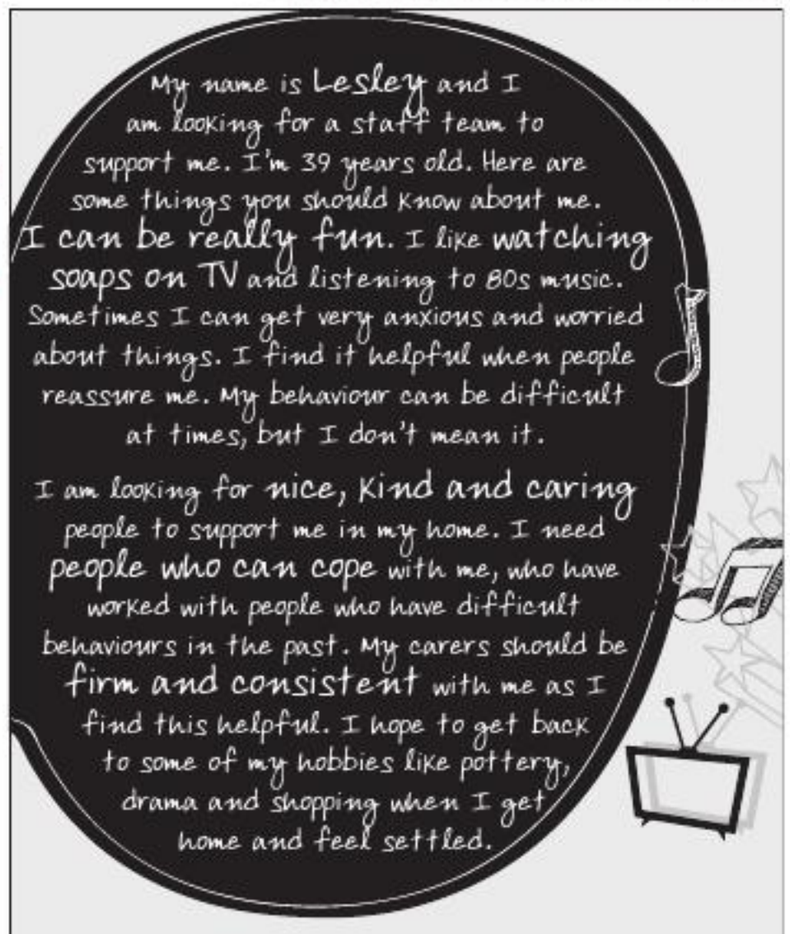
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Wilder delighted as U's break their home jinx

By James Booker
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CHRIS Wilder praised his Oxford United players after they outclassed Northampton 2-0 at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday.

A quickfire brace at the end of the first half – courtesy of James Constable and a Danny Rose penalty – gave the U's their first home win since August 10.

Wilder said the home win was "needed", and hailed the work ethic shown by his players.

"We needed a home victory. We played well, I think it was deserved, and I'm delighted for the players and the supporters," he said.

"Systems and formations don't play a part if you don't work hard, compete and pass the ball – they're the things we talked about where we can do better, and we did that today.

"We had to sustain a touch of pressure at certain times in the second half, and at the same time we were a constant threat going forwards as well – it's a good day for us."

Skipper Jake Wright returned to the side, and lined up alongside both Johnny Mullins and Michael Raynes as Wilder opted for a 3-4-3 formation.

Full-backs Tom Newey and David Hunt acted as wide men, with Rose and Andy Whing in the engine room.

Constable, Dave Kitson and Sean Rigg made up a front three that were dangerous throughout.

Kitson's delightful flick found Andy Whing, who slipped Constable through on the right.

And Constable bamboozled his defender with some quick footwork, before confidently firing home low for his 98th goal in a U's shirt.

And he was a further thorn in the Cobblers' side two minutes later, when he was bundled over in the area.

Rose stepped up to send visitors' keeper Matt Duke the wrong way and the home fans into raptures.

Oxford travel to Accrington Stanley on Saturday, a game that Wilder feels will be "dangerous", despite the Lancashire side being rooted to the foot of the Football League without a league win all season.

By contrast, Oxford have a very impressive away record of four wins and one draw from five matches.

"Accrington are a dangerous side, because they're not winning games," said the U's manager. "And they'll want to believe that they're next win is around the corner.

"We'll go up there on the front foot – you don't get those wins away from home by being defensively set up and negative."

'Positive' race pleases Smith

BRADLEY Smith rode a solid race in the MotoGP on Sunday, to finish seventh in hot and humid conditions at the Malaysian Grand Prix.

He made a brilliant start to move ahead of team-mate Cal Crutchlow on the opening lap, before his compatriot retook the position soon afterwards.

Smith stayed seventh for the rest of the race to record his 10th top-10 result of the season so far, and is 10th in the championship standings.

"To be honest today was a good way to end a very positive weekend," he said.

"My second half of the race was quite strong and I am pleased with this, and we improved my feeling on the full fuel load where I normally struggled a lot.

"Altogether I'm truly satisfied with this event and I will fly to Australia full of confidence and looking forward to the race next week."

The next race takes place at Phillip Island in Australia on Sunday, followed by the Japanese Grand Prix at Motegi on October 27.

Wantage get 10 in cup tie

WANTAGE Town bulldozed their way into the third round of the Floodlit Cup on Tuesday night by beating Malmesbury Victoria 10-1.

A Richie Guy hat-trick, braces from Andy Younie and Tom Malton, strikes from Matt Pedder and Sean Webb and an own goal sealed the Division 1 West side's fate.

Gary Ackling's side, currently top of the Hellenic Premier, take on local rivals Abingdon Town in the FA Vase on Saturday.

And Abingdon had a weekend to forget, with the Abbots losing 5-0 at Highmoor Ibis.

They remain second from bottom above Abingdon United.

Oxford City Nomads kept up their excellent start to the season with a dramatic 4-3 win over previously unbeaten Ardley United.

Top scorer Adam Lovegrove fired in a last-gasp winner in a topsy-turvy encounter.

Nomads were 2-1 to the good at half-time, only to see their opponents score twice shortly after the restart.

However, the Nomads dug in to equaliser, before Lovegrove's winning effort in the dying seconds keeps them second in the table.

Nomads took on North Leigh in the first round of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup on last night as the Guardian went to press.

City on form to beat league leaders in cup

• *Words and picture by Mike Allen*

OXFORD City turned the form book upside down with a stunning victory over Skrill Conference South Leaders Eastleigh in the FA Cup.

City made their intentions clear in the opening ten minutes when they stunned the Spitfires with a two goal barrage.

Marvin Robinson opened his account for City after two minutes and Jamie Cook doubled City's lead soon afterwards.

The Spitfires pulled a goal back on 17 minutes when former Oxford United favourite Damien Batt sent the ball into the path of John Collins who fired home past Victor Francoz.

The game was all square within 2 minutes of the restart when Stuart Greenwood took advantage as City failed to clear a corner, firing home from close range.

Undeterred, however, the visitors grabbed the winner when Chris Wilmott latched onto Darren Pond's fighted free kick to power his header home past Ross Flitney.

Eastleigh piled on the pressure, but City held on to seal a memorable win.

BTCC title bid just falls short for Plato

JASON Plato came close to winning the British Touring Cars Championship (BTCC) title on Sunday, but a tough final race meant he ultimately finished the season in third place.

Going into the final weekend at Brands Hatch, Plato was fifth and 49 points off the lead, and had all but written off his chances.

But he won the opening two races of the day to elevate himself to second in the standings, just 15 points behind championship leader Andrew Jordan with one race to go.

However Plato couldn't continue his strong form into race three, and came 10th after a difficult race.

He said: "I wish I could have put in a better performance in race three; the conditions were difficult and we just couldn't get the car working like it was in the first two races.

"I'm still very pleased, we came into the weekend, got pole, and then maximum scores in races one and two.

"We've got a long winter ahead of us to try and improve the car. We really need to win it next year!"

Plato finished third in the final BTCC standings with 380 points, 17 behind champion Jordan and 10 behind second-placed Gordon Shedden.

• *Plato leads the field in race one at Brands Hatch, on his way to two wins over the weekend (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)*

Sport Bites

Harlequins keep winning

OXFORD Harlequins unbeaten start to the season continued on Saturday, as they overcame the Towcestrians 24-13 away from home.

Harlequins have won all six of their league encounters so far this season, and top the South West 1 East standings with 27 points, three ahead of second-placed Swindon.

Grove were also victorious in the league, as they narrowly beat Devizes 15-12 away to jump up to eighth in the standings.

They have won three and lost three so far this year, and are 13 points behind dominant leaders Harlequins.

Elsewhere, Chinnor lost their second game in a row, as they were defeated 47-39 at home to Hartpury College.

The result means they drop to fourth in the SSE National League 2 South, three points behind leaders Bournemouth.

All three teams are next in action on Saturday, with Harlequins hosting Windsor, Grove at home against Witney, while Chinnor travel to Ampthill and District.

Deta a master

OXFORDSHIRE county darts player Deta Hedman won the BDO World Masters ladies title on Sunday night, beating Rachel Brooks 4-1.

This was Hedman's second Masters title, as she reclaimed the honour she previously won 19 years ago in 1994.

Her next major tournament entry is the Ladies World Darts Championship in January, where she will play Lorraine Farlam in the first round.

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DECISIONS COST US DEAR - BOSS

Noble slams referee after defeat

ABINGDON United manager Paul Noble lamented the refereeing decisions that he said cost his side the chance of a result on Saturday.

The U's were beaten 5-0 by Flackwell Heath at the Northcourt, with both Lewis Noble and Wade Rutherford seeing red.

Noble was controversially dismissed for a second bookable offence after half an hour, despite appearing to win the ball.

"We were the better side for the first 25 minutes," said Paul Noble. "We had more possession and more of a threat towards their goal than they were to ours.

"The ball came towards our dugout [after the challenge], and not even the Flackwell Heath players appealed for a free-kick. It totally lost us the game."

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Noble's side were only 1-0 down with 20 minutes to go, but a later flurry of Flackwell strikes put the game beyond their reach.

Things got even worse two minutes from time when Rutherford was given a straight red for a challenge – another harsh decision according to the U's boss.

"I thought Wade clearly won the ball," said Noble. "The linesman didn't give anything.

"But it's all in the past now – we got beaten 5-0 and we just have to move on."

Noble's side got their first league win of the season against Shrivenham last week, but still remain bottom of the Hellenic Premier after 15 games.

However, the club have signed Tony Booker from Abingdon Town and keeper Gareth Tucker from Didcot.

Booker made his debut at the weekend, and did "really well", according to his manager, while he added Tucker would add valuable experience between the sticks.

Noble said it was "without a doubt" that a couple more players added to his ranks will give the club the tools they need to pick up more points and drag themselves out of the relegation mire.

"We are in the middle of talking to one or two more players," he said. Once we get one or two, then I've got no doubt whatsoever that we will start climbing the table."

Abingdon are in FA Vase action against Fareham Town on Saturday.

Abingdon United	**0**
Flackwell Heath	**5**

• *Leon Blackmore-Such holds off a Flackwell Heath player (Picture by Chris Janes)*

Constable and Rose the difference as U's down Cobblers

OXFORD United broke their recent home hoodoo by defeating Northampton Town 2-0 at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday.

Goals from James Constable and Danny Rose just before half-time gave Chris Wilder's men a much needed home win.

Wilder spoke afterwards about how pleased he was with the effort and commitment of his players.

For full reaction, see inside sport.

• *Oxford United's players celebrate their second goal against Northampton (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Oxford United	**2**
Northampton Town	**0**

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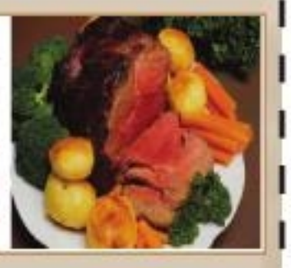

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